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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BRUCE MOALLEM,

Plaintiff,

-against-

SEBASTIAN RUSSO, DISINTEGRATION  
RECORDS LLC, AND DOES 1–10;

Defendants.

23-CV-11297 (VEC)

ORDER

WHEREAS on January 26, 2024, Defendant Sebastian Russo, proceeding *pro se*, filed an answer with both cross claims and a counterclaim, on behalf of himself, Disintegration Records, LLC, and Does 1-10; and

WHEREAS individuals can represent themselves *pro se* but corporations and partnerships *must* be represented by an attorney. *United States ex rel. Mergent Servs. v. Flaherty*, 540 F.3d 89, 92 (2d Cir. 2008).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant Sebastian Russo’s answer and cross and counterclaims are not effective as to Defendant Disintegration Records LLC and Defendants Does 1–10 and only are on behalf of himself.

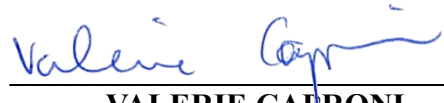
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff’s deadline to move for an order to show cause why default judgment should not be entered against Defendant Disintegration Records LLC and Does 1–10, in accordance with this Court’s Individual Practices, remains February 23, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will enter an order of referral to the Hon. Gabriel W. Gorenstein, United States Magistrate Judge, by separate order as to the dispute between Plaintiff Bruce Moallem and Defendant Sebastian Russo.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to strike the answer and cross-complaint at Dkt. 12, to the extent it purports to have been filed on behalf of Defendant Disintegration Records LLC and Does 1–10.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Date: January 30, 2024**  
**New York, New York**

  
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**VALERIE CARRONI**  
**United States District Judge**